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Lisbon, October 31. *N. S.*

TWENTY Sail of British Merchant-men are already arrived in this Port, and as many more appear coming in at the Bar, all belonging to the Fleet under the late Convoy of Commadore Edwards. They aſcribe their Safety to the Bravery of their Convoy, and particularly of the Devonſhire, which maintained a running Fight againſt Five Men of War till the Dusk of the Evening, by Favour of which moſt of the Tranſports and Trading Ships made their Eſcape. There are already come in about 600 of the Horſe deſigned for the Service of his Portugueſe Majeſty.

Turin, October 22. On the 9th Inſtant in the Morning his Royal Highneſs held a Council of War at the Vineyard of the Dutcheſs Royal Conſort, at which, beſides his Royal Highneſs, there aſſiſted Prince Eugene, the Prince of Heſſe Caſſel, the Prince of Anhalt, General Rhebinder, with the Imperial, Britiſh, Spaniſh and Dutch, Envoys; who, when the Council was over, had the Honour to dine with his Royal Highneſs, at a great Entertainment which was prepared on that Occaſion. The young Princeſs of Carignan, with the Princeſs Louiſa, Siſter to Prince Eugene, had the Honour to dine with the Dutcheſs Conſort at another Table. After Dinner the Company waited on his Royal Highneſs, to ſee a Regiment of Dragoons exerciſed in a Review, at the Head of the Camp, which was about a quarter of a Mile off the Vineyard. That Regiment marched next Day to St. Maurice, where it will canton for ſome Days. Our Army hath alſo received Orders to canton, till it appears what Meaſures the Enemy deſign to take, who are not yet march'd into their Winter Quarters, but on the contrary talk of undertaking ſomething on our Frontier. The 11th the Hereditary Prince of Heſſe Caſſel took Poſt from hence, in order to go to Caſſel, and afterwards to Holland. On the 13th Monſieur Zinzerling, one of the King of Spain's Secretaries, arrived here from Great Britain, by the Way of Holland, with Letters ſignifying the Intentions of the Queen of Great Britain, the States of Holland, and the Elector Palatine, for tranſporting into Spain the Palatine Troops that are on the Britiſh and Dutch Eſtabliſhment; and neceſſary Meaſures are accordingly concerting for the ſpeedy and effectual Execution of theſe Orders. On the 14th General Viſconti, and ſeveral other chief Officers of Horſe, waited on Prince Eugene, to receive his Highneſs's Orders for the Diſtribution of their Troops into Winter Quarters. The next Day we heard from Pignerol, That a Party of the Enemy from La Perouſe, by the Favour of a Fog, ſurpriſed a ſmall advanced Guard of Horſe, which was poſted on the Road to that Place, kill'd two Centinels, took 3 or 4 Priſoners, with 8 or 10 Horſes, the Priſoners being ſeized as they were ſitting round their Fires. It is believed their Deſign was to have ſurrounded the Captain, who was poſted near that Place with 100 Horſe; but finding him well prepared for their Reception, they thought fit to retire without attacking him. On the 17th General Rhebender received a Courier from the Elector Palatine his Maſter, with full Orders and Inſtructions relating to the Embarkment of his Troops for Spain; ſo that we hope they will be ready to ſail before the middle of the next Month. The ſame Courier brought Orders from his Electoral Highneſs to General Iſlebach, who commands his Troops which are in the Emperor's Pay, to return immediately for Germany. Prince Eugene having received Orders from the Court of Vienna to the ſame Effect, has ſign'd the March of thoſe Troops, and they were to begin it yeſterday. The French have propoſed to his Royal Highneſs a Neutrality for Mount Cenis, from the Inn on the Top of the Mountain to the Foot of it, on each Side; to which it is thought his Royal Highneſs will conſent, it being equally beneficial to both Parties, and very convenient for the Trade that paſſes from this Country to Geneva. The Palatine Foot which are in the Pay of the Queen of Great Britain and the States General, under the Command of General Rhebender, have received Orders to march to the Imperial Fees on the Sea-ſide near Final, where they are to be canton'd till all Things are ready for their Embarkation. The Imperial Regiment of Foot, under the Command of General Raventlau, is quartered at Novarre, from whence it is to join the other Troops deſign'd for Spain. A Courier is arrived here from England, with Letters from the Queen of Great Britain to the King of Spain; and is diſpatched with another Expreſs from Prince Eugene to the ſame Prince, who gives his Catholick Majeſty an Account of the great Preparations that are making here to ſend him a ſtrong and ſpeedy Reinforcement.

Neufchatel, Octob. 28. The Marquis de Puiſieux has followed his late Memorial, and is arrived in Perſon here: He endeavaurs to terrifie the People in his uſual Manner; and had ſo little Moderation as to threaten even the Deputies, who were ſent to compliment him upon his Arrival, with his Maſter's Reſentment. After which he ſent for the Judges themſelves ſeparately, and denounced the French King's Vengeance upon them and their Poſterity, unleſs they choſe one of his Subjects for their Prince. However it does not appear that his Menaces have had any Effect upon the People in general, or the Judges in particular; for though he went to the Tribunal himſelf on the 18th, and delivered a ſecond Memorial in Terms leſs violent than the former, the next Day the Judges gave Sentence againſt his Demand, declaring, They were highly touch'd with the hard Expreſſions contained in his Memorials; and That they could not grant any Delay in the Manner it was ask'd but intended to proceed on the 24th Inſtant to judge of the Claims of the remaining Pretenders, in order to make an end of the Cauſe. The Tribunal met accordingly on the 24th; but the Lawyers of the remaining French Pretenders made uſe of ſo many Arts to perplex their Proceedings, and gain time, that they could not begin to read till next Day, which they continued alſo the Day following, when the Governor, who is entirely in the French Intereſt, adjourn'd the Aſſembly to the 29th, and broke it up in ſo ſurpriſing a Manner, that the States, who can only be adjourned by themſelves, had not Time enough to oppoſe that Innovation. But the French Ambaſſador received on the 26th an Anſwer from his Court, to the Account he had ſent, of the Refuſal of the Delay he demanded: Whereupon he left this Place yeſterday Morning, without ſending any Meſſage to the States. The Duke de Villeroy and the Marquis de Matignon have alſo left Pontarlier; and Monſieur de la Clauſure, the French Reſident, is returned to his Poſt at Geneva. By all which Proceedings it is ſuppoſed the Inveſtiture will be within few Days granted to the King of Pruſſia.

Francfort, Novemb. 6. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough having left Duſſeldorp, was met by the Elector Palatine at Bruck, about a League from his Caſtle of Bansberg. His Electoral Highneſs had ordered a good Number of Tents to be pitch'd in an open Field, and treated his Grace at Dinner under a very magnificent Perſian Tent; after which the Duke continued his Journey about 20 Miles further to Weert, being conducted thither by the Palatine Guards. On the 20th his Grace lay at Limbourg, on the Laune, and arrived here on the 21ſt. The Electors of Mayence and Hanover were come the Day before; and on the 27th Count Wratiſlau, Plenipotentiary from his Imperial Majeſty, came hither alſo; and their Conferences being ended, the Duke of Marlborough ſet out for the Hague on the 29th. The Elector of Hanover left this Place the ſame Day, in order to return to the Imperial Army, where he arrived the Day following. On the 31ſt his Electoral Highneſs viſited the new Lines, and had the Satisfaction to find they were very far advanced. General Thungen had the Honour of having his Conduct, during the Abſence of the Elector, very much approved by his Electoral Highneſs. On the 1ſt Inſtant the Count de Thirheim came into the Imperial Camp from Vienna, and brought with him the Emperor's Approbation of the Meaſures propoſed for the Accommodation of the Troops in their Winter Quarters; as well as Orders for 60000 Guilders towards the raiſing of Magazines. We hear the Enemy have repaſſed the Rhine, by the Ways of Fort Louis and Fort Kehl, in order to take up their Winter Quarters in Alſatia and Franche Comte. The Elector of Hanover, upon receiving this Intelligence, ordered the Lines to be forthwith finiſhed, that his Army might march into Quarters. His Electoral Highneſs is expected in a few Days here, in his Return to Hanover; and in his Abſence this Winter the Army is to be commanded by General Thungen.

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